MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 18, 1999 - 2:00 p.m. - 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson,

Senate Chair Rep. Marda Dillree,

House Chair

Sen. Karen Hale

Rep. Gerry A. Adair

Rep. Don E. Bush

Rep. Carl W. Duckworth

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway

Rep. Bryan D. Holladay

Rep. Dennis H. Iverson

Rep. Brad King

Rep. Karen W. Morgan

Rep. Joseph G. Murray

Rep. Richard M. Siddoway

Members Absent:

Sen R. Lane Beattie Rep. Lowell A. Nelson

Members Excused:

Sen. R. Mont Evans

Sen. Eddie "Ed" P. Mayne

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen,

Research Analyst

Mr. Dee S Larsen,

Associate General Counsel

Ms. Junie G. Anderson,

Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

- 1. Committee Business Chair Dillree called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.
- 2. Highway Jurisdiction Pilot Project Update Mr. Clinton D. Topham, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), reported on the status of the pilot project to transfer highways to both an urban and a rural local government. He distributed and discussed a handout titled "Pilot Program Transfer Process." He said Salt Lake City and Utah County have been selected for the pilot project.

3. I-15 Reconstruction and Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

Update - Mr. David G. Downs, UDOT, distributed a handout titled "I-15 Reconstruction Project Update," and discussed progress and anticipated changes. He said the department is coordinating with emergency response agencies that provide aid to clear accidents in the corridor.

Mr. Downs also discussed the budget as outlined in the handout and noted that I-15 reconstruction is on schedule and within its budget. He updated the committee on the award fee amount.

Ms. Linda Toy Hull, UDOT, discussed the status of the STIP projects and distributed a handout titled "Fiscal Year 2000 Projects Impacted." She also distributed a chart titled "Total Number of Federal & State Projects Advertised," and reported on the target dates set for completion of the listed projects.

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4. Appropriations Act Report on UDOT Performance Management Initiative Internal Plan - Mr. Randy Lamoreaux, UDOT, distributed a handout titled "Performance Management Initiative - Progress Report," and reported on the progress made in areas such as meeting customer needs, the best use of resources, continuous improvement, providing quality service at the lowest possible cost, and measuring results and outcomes.

Mr. Lamoreaux also updated the committee on program audits. He discussed project management goals and distributed a handout titled "Priority Planned vs. Advertised Projects." He also reported on cost reductions, FTE reassignments, and efficiencies achieved to date.

5. Aggressive and Reckless Driving - Mr. Christensen distributed a handout titled "Aggressive Driving Options," and discussed the options as outlined in the handout.

Ms. Raylene Fairclough, AAA Utah, distributed a handout titled "Controlling Road Rage: A Literature Review and Pilot Study," and a booklet titled "Aggressive Driving: Three Studies." Ms. Fairclough discussed the issue of road rage and aggressive driving.

Colonel Richard Greenwood, Department of Public Service, reported on tools used by the Utah Highway Patrol to address aggressive driver problems. The tools include:

- 1. A *11 statewide number for reporting aggressive drivers from cellular phones,
- 2. video taping,
- 3. utilizing unmarked cars,
- 4. utilizing the motorcycle squad,
- 5. lydar (an advanced radar system),
- 6. the use of wireless phones by officers (phones were donated by wireless companies), and
- 7. training seminars.

He noted that only existing resources have been used to implement these tools.

Lieutenant Judy Hamaker, Utah Highway Patrol, National Highway Public Safety, answered questions pertaining to highway safety programs and effective tools used across the country.

Mr. Terry Smith, Utah Motor Transport Association, suggested that information be given to the public to help them report the truck name and the number on the truck or trailer that is being driven by an aggressive driver.

- **6. Other Committee Business -** Chair Dillree reminded committee members about a tour of I-15 reconstruction projects to be scheduled in the near future. She also said that any UTA tour will be arranged by UTA.
- **7. Adjourn** Chair Dillree called the meeting to a close at 4:08 p.m.